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PREFACE

This catalog, "Michigan Department of Natural Resources 2006 Grant Programs," is an update to our previous publication regarding the various funding programs available through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Included are funds from the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Appropriations for Operations and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

This publication primarily seeks to address two audiences.

- ◆ First, by sharing this information with our Legislators, we have addressed in part the requirements of PA 525 of 2002, Section 210(1)(a) through (g).
- ◆ Second, by communicating this information to local units of government and other potential applicants, we offer essential information on a wide spectrum of funding assistance.

Within the individual descriptions of each grant program, you will find the name and telephone number of the responsible division and a contact person. We encourage you to contact these individuals for additional information on programs of interest to you.

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

2006 GRANT PROGRAMS

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STATE AND LOCAL RECREATION, INCLUDING LAND ACQUISITION

MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

Program Objective(s):

The objective is to provide grants to local units of government and to the state for acquisition and development of lands and facilities for outdoor recreation or the protection of Michigan's significant natural resources.

Criteria: (NOTE: The current criteria is under review by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board and is subject to change for 2006).

Applications are evaluated on established criteria such as resource protection, water access, and project need. At least 25 percent of the cost of the project is required as match from local government applicants. Final grant recommendations are made by the MNRTF Board (members are appointed by the Governor) to the state legislature for final approval. Criteria are listed in the "Recreation Grants Selection Process" booklet given to all applicants. There are twelve evaluation criteria:

1. Need for project.
2. Applicant history.
3. Site and project quality.
4. Protection and use of significant natural resources.
5. Use of inland waters.
6. Hunting, fishing and other wildlife-related values.
7. Economic benefits.
8. Population served by the project.
9. Financial need of the applicant.
10. Local cash match contribution.
11. Oil and gas impacted areas.
12. Special initiatives of the MNRTF Board (see below).

The 2006 Special Initiatives of the Board are:

1. Acquisition or development of trailways that contribute to an overall state trail system.
2. Acquisition of lands open to hunting or development of hunting-related facilities, such as shooting ranges.
3. Acquisition of lands that provide for deer habitat with thermal cover.
4. Local shooting ranges or state/local shooting range partnerships.
5. Acquisition projects that create, establish and protect wildlife/ecological corridors by connecting to and/or buffering existing protected and managed state or local natural areas, forests or game areas.

Eligibility:

Any local of government, including school districts, or any combination of units in which authority is legally constituted to provide recreation. Local units of government, school districts and local authorities must have a DNR-approved recreation plan to be eligible.

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (Continued)

Application Process:

1. Submittal and approval of a 5-year community recreation plan.
2. Submittal of grant application.
3. Evaluation by Department staff.
4. Recommendation by the MNRTF Board.
5. Passage of an appropriations bill by the legislature and signature by the Governor.

Deadline(s):

Applications must be postmarked (by the U.S. Postal Service) no later than April 1, 2006. A secondary application deadline of August 1, 2006 is for acquisition applications only.

Timeline(s):

Grant recommendations are made by the MNRTF Board of Trustees in December. Final grant awards are dependent on the appropriations process, but in general are made within 12 to 18 months after the application deadline.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Development project minimum/maximum grant amount: \$15,000 to \$500,000. No minimum/maximum limits on land acquisition grants.

Source(s) of Funds:

Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Authority:

Part 19 of P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended.

Contact(s):

Grants Management/Deborah Apostol (517-335-3046), apostold@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Funding Available:

Approximately \$20-25 million a year. Available funds are dependent on revenue and interest accruing to the MNRTF in a particular Fiscal Year and constitutional provisions.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Program Objective(s):

The objective is to provide grants to local units of government and to the state to develop land for outdoor recreation.

Criteria:

Not determined at time of publishing.

Eligibility:

Any unit of government, including Native American tribes, school districts or any combination of units in which authority is legally constituted to provide recreation. Local units of government, school districts and local authorities must have a DNR-approved community recreation plan to be eligible.

Application Process:

1. Submittal of community recreation plan.
2. Submittal of grant application.
3. Evaluation by DNR staff.
4. Recommendation by the DNR to the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service (NPS).
5. Final approval of project by NPS.

Deadline(s):

Not determined at time of publishing.

Timeline(s):

Grant awards are dependent on NPS approval process, but in general grant awards can be made 9 to 12 months after the application deadline.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Specific grant amounts will be listed in application materials when available in early 2006.

Source(s) of Funds:

Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Authority:

Part 703 of P.A. 451 of 1994, as amended.

Contact(s):

Grants Management/Deborah Apostol (517-335-3046), apostold@michigan.gov.

**Land and Water Conservation Fund
(Continued)**

Fiscal Year 2006 Funding Available:

Not determined at time of publishing, dependent on federal Fiscal Year 2006 apportionment. Details for the 2006 Land and Water Conservation Fund are current under review. Please contact Grants Management for details on the current status of the program.

WILDLIFE

NONGAME WILDLIFE FUND GRANTS - NATURAL HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAM

Program Objective(s):

The Michigan Natural Heritage Program is soliciting proposals for projects to be conducted during the 2006 field season. Proposals should be for work contributing to the conservation and management of species in greatest need of conservation.

The program is open to all individuals, groups, and government units. However, projects on private land that is not open to the public and is not contributing to natural resource conservation on a community-wide scale cannot be funded. All proposals will be reviewed and considered, although priority will be given to those projects deemed critical or significant to maintaining wildlife diversity in Michigan.

Primary funding is provided by the Nongame Wildlife Fund through a portion of the sale of the Wildlife Conservation license plate, through individual contributions, and through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service State Wildlife Grants Program. Grantees will be required to identify a minimum match of 25% of the total cost of the project.

The Grants Program was initiated in 1985 to encourage citizen involvement in achieving the goal of Michigan's Natural Heritage Program. The goal of the Natural Heritage Program is to identify, protect, manage, and restore native plant and animal species, natural communities, other natural features, and to promote the knowledge, enjoyment, and stewardship of Michigan's native species and ecosystems for present and future generations.

Criteria:

1. Proposals will be systematically reviewed by a panel consisting of experts in wildlife, ecosystems and ecology. Project scores will be based on the following criteria: project description, need (priority), timeline, expected results, potential success, community or local support, budget appropriateness, outreach and communication plan and demonstrated ability to complete project.
2. Proposals regarding endangered, threatened species, or rare plant communities receive a higher priority than those in less urgent need of assistance.
3. Proposals providing an opportunity to draw favorable publicity demonstrating the accomplishments of the Nongame Wildlife Fund are preferred.
4. Funding of a project may be contingent upon revision of the proposal as suggested by the reviewers. Negotiations with the grantee may include modification of the project scope, methodology, schedule, products or budget.
5. Grantees will be required to obtain all necessary local, state or federal permits, permissions or agreements.
6. Eligible projects will include all activities eligible for funding under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service State Wildlife Grants Program guidelines for "planning" activities.
7. Allocation of funds will include an initial support payment, with a final payment upon receipt of a final report documenting completion of the project as identified in the approved grant and providing proof of nonfederal match funding or in-kind donations.

Nongame Wildlife Fund Grants – Natural Heritage Grant Program (Continued)

Criteria *(continued)*:

8. In-kind match will be valued using methods authorized in Title 43, Part 12, Section 12.64 of the Code of Federal Regulations:
 - Volunteer labor services will be valued at the pay for similar work conducted within the DNR Wildlife Division.
 - Volunteer survey activities will be valued at \$26.46/hour.
 - Volunteer labor activities will be valued at \$24.84/hour.
 - Services provided by employees of other organizations will be valued at the employee's regular rate of pay exclusive of fringe benefits and overhead costs.
 - Supplies will be valued at their fair market value at the time of donation.

Eligibility:

All individuals, groups and government units. All proposals will be reviewed and considered, although priority will be given to projects deemed critical or significant to maintaining wildlife diversity in Michigan.

General Application Information:

1. Proposals are due **November 14, 2005**. Proposals will be accepted for the 2006 grants program if they are postmarked or hand-delivered to the Wildlife Division office no later than 4:00 PM on November 14, 2005. The DNR Wildlife Division is located in downtown Lansing, fourth floor, east wing, Stevens T. Mason Building, 530 W. Allegan Street.
2. Proposals should not exceed 10 pages in length.
3. Applicants must use the headings and format outlined on the attached application format sheet.
4. To expedite the review and approval process, **a digital copy of the proposal in Microsoft Word or Word Perfect must be submitted**. E-mail file to SargenL2@michigan.gov or mail a CD. If this is not possible, please contact the grants administrator.
5. Small grants are awarded in the amount of \$2,000 to \$10,000. The number of grants that are awarded will depend on the nature of the grants and funding levels.
6. Funding may be applied toward stipends (at a maximum of \$10/hr), mileage (\$0.328/mile), reasonable lodging and meal charges, expendable supplies and equipment rental. Purchase of permanent equipment is rarely supported. In most cases, no indirect costs such as overhead will be paid.
7. Up to 75 percent of the grant money awarded to successful grantees may be available in advance, upon receipt of an invoice signed by the grantee requesting payment.
8. Each grant recipient is responsible for promoting the project and its funding through the Nongame Wildlife Fund (NWF) and federal State Wildlife Grants (SWG) with local news media. DNR Natural Heritage Program staff assistance is available, if needed.
9. Each project report must be accompanied by 5 to 10 original or duplicate color slides summarizing the research or management project. Appropriate video footage may be substituted if approved in advance by Natural Heritage staff. Slides and/or videos submitted will become the property of the DNR.
10. Projects must be directed toward public use or public benefit. Habitat development projects on private lands (i.e. construction of ponds, foodplots, tree cutting, etc.) are not funded through this program.

Nongame Wildlife Fund Grants – Natural Heritage Grant Program (Continued)

General Application Information *(continued)*

11. A final report is required by **September 15, 2006**. The report shall include sections on objectives, methods, results, discussion, conclusions, and recommendations, if applicable. A one-page abstract must accompany the final report. The final report must also include a detailed statement of expenses plus a summary of news media coverage and copies of newspaper articles initiated by the grantee.
12. The final report should be in digital format (Microsoft Word or Word Perfect) sent via e-mail or on a CD. E-mail file to SargenL2@michigan.gov.
13. If applicable, the necessary, state, federal or local permits needed to complete the project must be obtained prior to funding of the project.
14. For those submitting proposals through a university, a separate signature page must be included with the proposal. This page must have signature blocks for the investigator (person writing the proposal and responsible for completing the project) and the grant administrator (person authorized to sign for grants on behalf of the university). Include complete mailing addresses and telephone numbers.

Timeline(s):

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Dollar Amount(s) Available:

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Source(s) of Funds:

Primary funding is provided by the Nongame Wildlife Fund through citizen contributions on the state income tax form and through U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service State Wildlife Grants Program. Grantees will be required to identify a minimum match of 25% of the total cost of the project.

Authority:

Part 439, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

Contact(s):

Wildlife Division/Lori Sargent (517-373-9418), sargenL2@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Funding Available:

\$100,000.

2006 NATURAL HERITAGE GRANTS PROGRAM

Application Format

PROJECT TITLE: Be as brief and informative as possible.

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR(S): Include name (a contact person is required), address, affiliation, and telephone number(s). Clearly state who should receive the grant payment. If the payment is to be made to an agency or institution, include the Federal I.D. number. If the payment is to be made to an individual, include the social security number. Include the Michigan State Senate and House district(s) of the project location.

ABSTRACT: Provide a brief (approximately 100 words) summary of the proposal, stating the actions to be taken, the information to be provided, and the management implications of the project.

OBJECTIVES: Clearly state what is proposed to be accomplished. Include a brief description of the products and/or other information that will be provided at the end of the project.

JUSTIFICATION: Identify the problem being addressed by the project. Demonstrate why the project is needed and how it will benefit nongame and endangered wildlife, plants, or the goals of the Natural Heritage Program. Discuss the benefits expected from the project.

BACKGROUND AND/OR LITERATURE REVIEW: Review the past research and/or other work that has addressed the project area and indicate how your proposal builds upon or expands this work.

LOCATION: State where the project will occur, including the county and locality. If appropriate, provide a detailed description of the study area and include a map.

PROJECT PERIOD: Time schedule (grants are funded on an annual basis). Indicate the estimated starting date and duration for all phases of the project.

METHODS: Describe the methods and materials that will be used to achieve the objectives. Include protocols for data collection and analysis or project plans where applicable.

LITERATURE CITED: Include citations for literature referenced in the proposal.

PROPOSED BUDGET:

	<i>NWF & SWG</i>	<i>Other Sources Match (min. 25%)</i>
Salaries	<hr/>	<hr/>
Equipment/supplies	<hr/>	<hr/>
Travel	<hr/>	<hr/>
Other	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total	<hr/>	<hr/>

PERSONNEL AND COOPERATORS: List the personnel, their training and previous experience, and the role each person will play in the project. Attach a resume showing work and educational experience and/or provide examples of previously completed work as appropriate.

**Nongame Wildlife Fund Grants – Natural Heritage Grant Program
(Continued)**

PUBLICITY: Specific actions that will be taken to publicize the project through the news media.

NOTE: Please submit proposal in **digital format** on a CD or via e-mail to SargenL2@michigan.gov.

MAIL TO: NATURAL HERITAGE GRANTS
DNR WILDLIFE DIVISION
PO BOX 30180
530 WEST ALLEGAN ST
LANSING MI 48909-7680

DEADLINE: November 14, 2005.

For more information, contact the Natural Heritage Program at the above address or call the grants administrator at 517-373-9418; electronic mail: sargenL2@michigan.gov; website: <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr>.

FISHERIES

INLAND FISHERIES GRANTS

PLEASE NOTE: PROGRAM HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR 2006.

Program Objective(s):

1. To protect, maintain and/or enhance inland aquatic environments that support (or are capable of supporting) a significant public fishery.
2. To rehabilitate degraded inland fish communities on waters that support (or are capable of supporting) a significant public fishery.
3. To provide additional or more diverse fishing opportunities on inland waters that support (or are capable of supporting) a significant public fishery.
4. To foster educational and interpretive communications and interest in inland fish, fishing, and fisheries management when those communications and interests serve to protect, maintain, enhance, or rehabilitate the populations and habitat of fish and other forms of aquatic life.

Criteria:

Projects that are beneficial to the people of Michigan, inland fisheries resources, and meet one or more of the program objectives (above) are eligible for funding. In past years, criteria for scoring included completeness of the application, project need and its relationship to Fisheries Division and Inland Fisheries Grant (IFG) program objectives, and benefits to inland fisheries.

Applicants must demonstrate they can contribute at least 50 percent of the project's cost as a match to the state grant.

Focus Area:

Program has been suspended for 2006.

Source of Funds:

Game and Fish Protection Fund.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Program has been suspended for 2006.

Authority:

Part 5, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

Contact(s):

Application Functions: Christian LeSage, Fisheries Division (517-241-3624), lesagec@michigan.gov.

MICHIGAN HABITAT IMPROVEMENT FUND PROGRAM GRANTS

NOTE: This grant program is scheduled for a process revision in FY 2006.

Program Objective(s):

To provide funds for projects on the Manistee, Muskegon and AuSable rivers to improve and enhance fisheries and aquatic resources affected by the operation of Consumers Energy Company's hydropower projects. These projects include fisheries habitat restoration and enhancement, preparing comprehensive river management plans, aquatic studies, fisheries recreation, water quality improvement and soil erosion control activities on these three rivers.

Criteria:

1. The proposed project must be needed in the area.
2. Degree to which the project meets one of the needs, areas of concern or management direction indicated by the watershed coordinator.
3. Length of time the project will provide benefits.
4. Impact on future research projects such as enhancement to increase natural recruitment thereby reducing future costs of stocking. Reduction of future expenditures or direct expenditures in a positive manner.
5. Size of area that will benefit from the proposed project.
6. Proposed project benefits compared to the costs.
7. Applicant has made preliminary arrangements with appropriate contractors for completion of the proposed project.
8. Proposed projects having match funds available will be given preference.

Eligibility:

All units of government, nonprofit organizations, and individuals willing to develop and complete projects located in the vicinity of the 11 Consumers Energy Company hydropower projects are eligible.

Application Process:

Project applications are completed and submitted to Fisheries Division Coordinators between January 1 and the end of February. Process and review applications from March 1 through August 31. Successful project applications are notified of acceptance between September 1 and September 30. Contracts signed and funds will be transferred to successful applicants between October 1 and November 30. All projects will be required to file completion reports by October 30 of the following year.

Deadline(s):

Project applications are due in the office of the watershed coordinator by February 28, 2006.

Timelines(s):

If a call for projects is announced, the application review and funding process for eligible projects is January 1 through September 30. Funds are dispersed to successful candidate projects after October 1. Verification of completion is October 30 of the following year.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

No minimum amount; no maximum amount.

**Michigan Habitat Improvement Fund Program Grants
(Continued)**

Source(s) of Funds:

Game and Fish Settlement Fund.

Authority:

Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.

Contact(s):

Fisheries Division/Kyle Kruger, Fisheries Biologist, Mio (517-826-3211, Ext. 7073),
krugerk@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

Not determined at time of publishing.

NOTE: This program may not be active in 2006 or may be revised. Contact Kyle Kruger at 517-826-3211, Ext. 7073, to determine if new applications are being accepted.

BOATING

WATERWAYS PROGRAM GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To provide for design and construction of recreational boating facilities in the state. Funds are available for engineering studies and infrastructure improvement projects at state-sponsored harbor/mooring and boating access site/launch facilities.

Criteria:

On-site investigation by Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) staff may be required to determine suitability of proposed work; applicant may be required to document area boating demand. Greater priority is given to projects for which a local applicant documents local match capabilities equal to or greater than the percentage of project cost they are required to provide.

Eligibility:

Only local units of government (city, village, township, county and universities). Local units and universities may cooperate with sports/community organizations in the implementation of projects.

Application Process:

1. Submit application form to PRD.
2. Technical review by PRD staff.
3. Grants are awarded based on PRD review, prioritization and funding appropriation.
4. Large projects will require a completed preliminary engineering study and permit approval prior to grant consideration for construction.

Deadline(s):

Applications must be submitted by April 1. Decisions for large line item construction projects will be made in the spring for the next available fiscal year funding.

Timeline(s):

The application review and funding process for projects is from April 1 until an appropriation is approved by the legislature. This can take up to approximately 18-24 months.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Funding policy is to grant up to 50 percent of the project cost with equal local match for preliminary engineering and mooring projects. For boat launching projects, a state match of up to 75 percent is available.

Source(s) of Funds:

Michigan State Waterways Fund.

**Waterways Program Grants
(Continued)**

Authority:

Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.

Contact(s):

Parks and Recreation Division/517-373-9900

Harbors/Mooring – Paul Petersen – 517-335-3033, petersep@michigan.gov.

Boating Access Sites/Launches – Jordan Byelich – 517-241-1533, byelichj@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

Funds not determined at this time.

CLEAN VESSEL ACT - BOAT PUMPOUT GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To provide new or upgraded marine sewage disposal facilities, pumpouts and dump stations.

Criteria:

Approval based on the type of marine sewage disposal facility proposed, geographic location, number of boats served and cost of the facility. Greater priority will be given to projects which provide increased access to pumpouts and dump stations, taking into account cost considerations to provide the highest benefit for the monies spent.

Eligibility:

Grants are provided to both private and public boating facilities. Eligible projects primarily include dump stations, additional pumpouts at large boating facilities or those covered by a pumpout agreement, pumpouts for mooring facilities with a minimum of 15 slips, municipal sewage treatment system hookups and tap-in fees, and upgrading of older pumpout systems.

Application Process:

1. Submit application form.
2. Grant agreement approval and signatures.
3. Complete approved work scope.
4. Submit cost documentation for reimbursement of eligible costs.

Deadline(s):

Applications must be returned by February 1, 2006 to be eligible for currently available federal funds. Applications will continue to be accepted throughout the calendar year for future fiscal year consideration. Contact Financial Services for more information.

Timeline(s):

Notification of approval will occur within 30 days after complete application form and required information is received.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Grants are funded up to 75 percent of the eligible project cost with the 25 percent match provided by the grant recipient. Grants limited to the cost of a pumpout and holding tank/hookup.

Source(s) of Funds:

Sport Fish Restoration account of the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund, commonly known as the Wallop-Breaux Fund. The DNR has a limited amount of federal funds available for this program. We will continue to accept applications, but the ability to award new grants is dependent upon future federal funds.

**Clean Vessel Act - Boat Pumpout Grants
(Continued)**

Contact(s):

Budget and Support Services, Scott Butler (517-241-4934), butlersc@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

\$100,000.

FORESTRY

FOREST STEWARDSHIP - PLAN WRITING GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

The objective of the Forest Stewardship Program (FSP) plan writing grant is to provide an incentive for certified plan writers to reach out to non-industrial private forest landowners in writing Management Plans. These plans will provide silvicultural, hydrological, recreational and ecological information that will assist eligible landowners make informed choices for the long-term protection and management of the forest ecosystem on their property.

Criteria:

To receive a Plan Writing Grant, a plan writer must:

1. **Submit the original application (Form PR 4219-1).** Applications will be accepted from FSP certified plan writers.
2. Submit a Memorandum of Understanding between the plan writer and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.
3. In the initial year, the plan writer must spend 4-6 hours with a DNR Service Forester, as training in the required elements of Forest Stewardship Plans and in use of the required forms.
4. For each year AFTER the initial year, a Certified Plan Writer must have obtained a minimum of six years of continuing education training during that year.
5. Proposals that cause a significant number of forest management plans and acres to be enrolled under the Forest Stewardship programs are highly valuable--a sound, complete plan that will help the Forest Stewardship program attain its goals and objectives.

To receive payment on a grant, a plan writer and landowner must:

1. Landowner and plan writer must fill out the FSP Land Eligibility Application and invoice Form (PR 4065-3).
2. Local Service Forester must review and approve the prepared management plan. The Service Forester should receive documentation showing the landowner paid at least 50% of the cost of the plan.

Eligibility:

To be eligible for a plan writing grant, applicants must be Forest Stewardship program-certified plan writers. A Certified Plan Writer must:

1. Have a four-year degree in Forestry or related Natural Resource field OR have a two-year degree in Forestry or related Natural Resource field with approved experience and submit documentation to the Forest Stewardship Coordinator.
2. Applicant must attend initial six-hour training on the Michigan Forest Stewardship Program, either through the Forest Stewardship Coordinator or their local Service Forester.
3. Maintain six hours of approved continuing education in natural resource management yearly and submit documentation of such to the Forest Stewardship Coordinator.
4. Remain in good standing by providing professional service in a timely manner.

Forest Stewardship - Plan Writing Grants (Continued)

Application Process:

1. Become a Certified Plan Writer by submitting resume to the Forest Stewardship Coordinator, attending the required training and submitting a signed Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Complete the grant application and return to the Forest Stewardship Coordinator with a signed W-9 form. The Forest Stewardship Coordinator reviews applications. Applications are approved, adjusted or denied. Applicants are notified and grant agreements are awarded.

Deadline(s):

Applications are accepted year-round. Grants are issued annually and all work must be completed and approved by September 15 of each year.

Timeline(s):

Project completion by September 15 of each year. Grant applications may be submitted at any time.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

- For up to 75 acres, 50 percent of the cost of the plan, not to exceed \$200.00.
- For 76 acres and over, 50 percent of the cost of the plan not to exceed \$125 plus \$1.25/acre (maximum \$2,000.00).

The landowner **must** pay at least 50 percent of the total cost of the plan.

Source(s) of Funds:

U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:

U. S. Farm Bill. Annual appropriation by the USDA Forest Service.

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/Debra Huff (517-335-3355), huffd@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

Amount available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service has not been awarded at this time; however, it is estimated that \$60,000 will be available.

FOREST STEWARDSHIP - OUTREACH AND EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

Program Objective(s):

This program is designed to encourage private forest land owners to actively manage their forest ecosystems and to develop long-term management plans that will enhance the understanding of forest systems, while at the same time providing outreach and education to all citizens about stewardship of our natural resources.

Criteria:

Proposals considered will be for projects that include management plans for school and municipal forests, outreach and education projects, demonstration areas and ecosystem projects. All proposals MUST include a component or specifically target the non-industrial private landowner.

Eligibility:

Local units of government, individuals, nonprofit organizations, and school districts with school forests. Grant funds cannot be used as substitutions for existing program expenditures and may not be used to purchase equipment. A 50% match is required, with a detailed budget prepared that identifies the source of the match dollars.

Application Process:

Contact the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division to obtain a grant information packet and application.

Deadline(s):

Applications will be accepted up to September 15, 2006. Selections will be made by November 15, 2006.

Timeline(s):

Project completion by September 15, 2007.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

- Management Plans for school and municipal forests:
 - 12-75 acres, 50 percent of the cost of the plan, not to exceed \$200.00.
 - 76 acres and over, 50 percent of the cost of the plan, not to exceed \$125.00 plus - \$1.25/acre (maximum amount \$2,000.00).
- Outreach and Education Projects: Maximum \$5,000.00.
- Demonstration Areas: Maximum \$5,000.00.
- Ecosystem Projects: Maximum \$15,000.00.

Source(s) of Funds:

U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:

U. S. Farm Bill. Annual funding by the USDA Forest Service.

**Forest Stewardship – Outreach and Education Grant Program
(Continued)**

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/Debra Huff (517-335-3355), huffd@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

Amount available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service has not been awarded at this time; however, it is estimated that \$30,000 will be available.

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM – COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments, schools, nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups for urban and community forest activities such as tree inventories, management plans, tree planting and other maintenance activities.

Criteria:

Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources in Michigan. Project categories are: management and planning, education and training, tree planting, and library resource purchaser.

Eligibility:

Local units of government, schools, tribes and nonprofit organizations.

Application Process:

Applications are announced each summer, submitted to the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division and then reviewed by Division staff. Applications are approved, adjusted or denied. Applicants are notified and agreements signed.

Deadline(s):

Applications are due annually each spring. Actual deadline is posted on the application.

Timeline(s):

Project duration: Approximately one year (October through September).

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Grant requests may be up to \$20,000, depending on the project type.

Source(s) of Funds:

U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:

Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/Kevin Sayers (517-241-4632) sayersk@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

Approximately \$100,000 for grants.

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM - ARBOR DAY MINI GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To provide information and technical assistance to municipal governments, schools, nonprofit organizations and volunteer groups for urban and community forest activities related to Arbor Day.

Criteria:

Projects that develop or enhance urban and community forestry resources in Michigan. These include tree planting on public land, Arbor Day celebrations, and natural resource library reference material acquisition.

Eligibility:

Local units of government, schools, tribes and nonprofit organizations.

Application Process:

Applications are made available each fall (October-November), submitted to the Michigan Arbor Day Alliance and reviewed for eligibility. Fifty applications will be randomly selected from those eligible. Applicants are notified and agreements signed.

Deadline(s):

Applications are due annually each Fall. Actual deadline is posted on the application.

Timeline(s):

Project duration: Approximately eight months (January through July).

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Maximum grant requests may be up to \$200 each.

Source(s) of Funds:

U. S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:

Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.

Contact(s):

Michigan Arbor Day Alliance/Jennifer Rostar (517-676-2290) miarborday@yahoo.com.
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/Kevin Sayers (517-241-4632) sayersk@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Funding Available:

\$10,000.

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM - DTE ENERGY TREE PLANTING GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To increase the number of properly planted, established and maintained trees within the service territory of DTE Energy.

Criteria:

Tree planting projects such as park, right-of-way, city street, nature study areas, school grounds planting and neighborhood revitalization projects. All trees must be planted on public land or land open to the public.

Eligibility:

Local units of government, schools and nonprofit organizations within the service territory of DTE Energy.

Application Process:

Applications are announced each Fall (November-December), submitted to the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division and reviewed by Division and DTE staff. Applications are approved, adjusted or denied. Applicants are notified and agreements signed.

Deadline(s):

Applications are due annually each Fall. Actual deadline is posted on the application.

Timeline(s):

Project duration: Approximately one year (January through December).

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Grant requests may be up to \$3,000 each.

Source(s) of Funds:

DTE Energy.

Authority:

Annual partnership with DTE Energy.

Contact(s):

DTE service area eligibility – Roberta (“Bert”) Urbani (313-235-8624), urbanir@dteenergy.com.
Program issues – Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/Kevin Sayers (517-241-4632), sayersk@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Funding Available:

Approximately \$60,000.

EMERALD ASH BORER GRANT PROGRAM

Program Objective(s):

To provide funds for projects that address the urban forestry needs of municipal governments and nonprofit organizations affected by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). These projects include tree planting, development of municipal tree inventories, hazard-free risk assessments and creation of urban forestry management plans.

Criteria:

Projects must be located within the following twenty-one (21) EAB quarantined Michigan counties: Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Genesee, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Saginaw, Sanilac, St. Clair, Shiawassee, Washtenaw and Wayne.

Eligibility:

Local units of government and nonprofit organizations within the twenty-one (21) EAB quarantined counties (see above criteria).

Application Process:

Applications will be announced in early winter (December), completed applications submitted to the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division and reviewed by Division and U.S. Forest Service staff. Applications are approved, adjusted or denied. Applicants are notified and agreements signed.

Deadline(s):

Applications will be due in winter 2006. Actual deadline is posted on the application.

Timeline(s):

Project duration: Approximately one year.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Grant requests may be up to \$20,000, depending upon project type.

Source(s) of Funds:

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service.

Authority:

Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/Kerry Gray (517-241-1833), grayk@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2006 Funding Available:

Maximum of \$500,000.

MICHIGAN VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE (FORMERLY – RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION)

Program Objective(s):

To assist fire departments in acquiring fire fighting equipment for local communities.

Criteria:

The number of fire departments involved; number of communities served; population of area served; number of formal, written, nonpay mutual aid agreements; annual budget; type of organization (paid or volunteer); current participation in FHA Community Facilities Loan; currently under a commercial loan; unusual fire hazards; type of water supply; and insurance classification.

Eligibility:

Fire departments in rural communities with populations of 10,000 or less and that have publicly-owned forested land within protection area.

Application Process:

1. Local fire department makes application to Division's Management Unit Office.
2. Management Unit prioritizes applications within unit and forwards to Division.
3. Division office prioritizes applications statewide and awards grants.
4. Fire department purchases equipment and sends documentation to Division.
5. Division pays 50 percent of the cost, up to allocation amount.

Deadline(s):

Applications by June 15 of each year; project completion by August 1 of the following year.

Timeline(s):

Grantees are notified of a grant award by October 15.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

No minimum or maximum amount.

Source(s) of Funds:

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service.

Authority:

Cooperative Forest Assistance Act of 1978, P. L. 95-313.

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division/Donald Johnson (517-335-3348),
johnsod4@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

Approximately \$250,000.

FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH FUNDS

Program Description:

By federal statute, a portion of timber and mineral revenue generated from the national forests in Michigan is disbursed to the counties in which the forests are located. These revenues are paid to the state who in turn disburses the monies to the counties. The counties are required by law (P.A. 182 of 1990) to distribute 75% of the funds to local school districts for school purposes and 25% to townships for the improvement of county roads within those townships.

An application process is not necessary because the revenues are flow through and are disbursed in accordance with federal and state statutes.

Contact(s):

Financial Services, Brandon Reed (517-335-3237), reedbr@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

The amounts appropriated for Fiscal Year 2006 were \$3,300,000 for timber revenue and \$150,000 for oil and gas revenues. Actual distributions made will, however, be for the amounts actually received from the federal government.

TRAILS

RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To fund the maintenance and development of recreational trails and related facilities.

Criteria:

1. Project need and benefit.
2. Site/project quality.
3. Balance among project types.
4. Balance among trail uses.
5. Geographic distribution of projects.
6. Balance among programs/divisions.

Eligibility:

State projects and state/local government partnership projects. A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) division must always be the applicant.

Application Process:

Internal Department process. Local unit of government sponsored projects can be considered for funding if they contribute to Department program goals and they are located on DNR land or linked to a trail on DNR land. Local unit of government applications will not be considered unless the project is developed as a joint application with a DNR division/bureau prior to the application deadline. The DNR division must always be the applicant.

Deadline(s):

July 1 of each year.

Timeline(s):

Funds are available on or after December 1.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

No limit on individual projects.

Source(s) of Funds:

Federal Department of Transportation-Highway Administration (federal gas tax).

Authority:

Annual appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management/Mark Mandenberg (517-335-3037), mandenbm@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

Approximately \$1,700,000 available for grants

RECREATION IMPROVEMENT FUND GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

To fund the operation, maintenance and development of recreation trails and restoration of lands damaged by off-road vehicles and inland lake cleanup.

Criteria:

Recreation Improvement Fund (RIF) dollars are available for operation, maintenance and development of recreation trails, restoration of lands damaged by off-road vehicles and inland lake cleanup. Projects are evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Project need and benefit.
2. Site/project quality.
3. Balance among project types.
4. Balance among trail uses.
5. Geographic distribution of projects.
6. Balance among programs/divisions.

Eligibility:

State projects and state/local government partnership projects. A Department of Natural Resources (DNR) division must always be the applicant.

Application Process:

Internal Department process. Local unit of government sponsored projects can be considered for funding if they contribute to Department program goals and they are located on DNR land or linked to a trail on DNR land. Local unit of government applications will not be considered unless the project is developed as a joint application with a DNR division/bureau prior to the application deadline. The DNR division must always be the applicant.

Deadline(s):

July 1 of each year.

Timeline(s):

Funds are available on or after December 1.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

No limit on individual projects.

Source(s) of Funds:

Recreation Improvement Fund.

Authority:

Part 711, PA 451 of 1994, as amended.

**Recreation Improvement Fund Grants
(Continued)**

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management

- Mark Mandenberg (517-355-3037), mandenbm@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

Approximately \$1,000,000 available for grants

SNOWMOBILE TRAIL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Program Objective(s):

This program provides funding to maintain snowmobile trails on an established designated statewide trail system. Grant funds are available for three purposes.

1. Seasonal grooming and general maintenance.
2. Special maintenance projects.
3. Equipment Replacement.

Seasonal grooming and maintenance includes grooming of the trail surface, placing signs along the assigned trail segments and clearing brush from the trails.

Special maintenance projects may include bridge construction and repairs, erosion control, replacement of culverts and relocation of trails off plowed roads. Only current grooming sponsors may apply for special maintenance projects.

Equipment replacement cost-share grants may include grooming tractors, drag, front blade and radio or telephone equipment. Only current grooming sponsors may apply for equipment replacement grants.

Criteria:

Applicants must be able to obtain a trail right-of-way that is open to public snowmobiling in an area that receives adequate snowfall for snowmobiling from December through March of each year. Applicants must have their own equipment for maintaining trails. The trails to be maintained should connect to other state snowmobile trails.

Eligibility:

Local units of government and nonprofit, incorporated snowmobile clubs and organizations are eligible to apply for these grants. Individuals are not eligible.

Application Process:

1. Grant applications available in May.
2. Grant applications with required documents returned to the Department by June 30.
3. Department approves applications by September 15.
4. Grant agreements mailed to sponsors in October.
5. Signed grant agreements returned to the Department by end of October.

Deadline(s):

Application deadline is June 30.

Timeline(s):

The time period from grant application to grant award is three to four months.

Snowmobile Trail Improvement Program (Continued)

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

For maintenance and grooming projects, 100 percent of actual costs incurred (not exceeding the actual grant allocation) is reimbursable.

For equipment replacement grants, 75 percent of actual costs, up to a maximum of \$90,000 is reimbursable.

Source(s) of Funds:

Snowmobile Trail Improvement Fund.

Authority:

Part 821, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division

- Steve Kubisiak (517-373-1665), kubisias@michigan.gov.

Grants Management

- Maureen Kay Houghton (517-373-2965) houghtmk@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

\$7,314,000. This amount does not include snowmobile law enforcement grants.

OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) PROGRAM

Program Objective(s):

This program provides funding for maintenance of established ORV trails and facilities as part of the designated statewide trail system, development of new trails and facilities, and restoration of natural resources damaged by ORV use.

Criteria:

Applications for trail, route, or area maintenance and/or development must be for facilities that are open to the public. Applications for damage restoration funds must be for lands under public ownership.

Eligibility:

Applicant must be a public agency or nonprofit, incorporated club or organization. Individuals are not eligible.

Application Process:

1. Department of Natural Resources (Department) distributes applications to prospective sponsors.
2. Signed applications are returned to Department.
3. Department will review applications and field review project sites.
4. Department prepares application summary. ORV Advisory Board reviews and staff will make recommendations to Resource Management Deputy Director in Department.
5. Grant agreements are distributed to each approved sponsor.
6. Approved sponsors must return two signed, original project agreements to Department.

Deadline(s):

Grant applications are due August 1 of each year.

Timeline(s):

The time period from grant application to grant award is approximately four months.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Maximum allowable is up to 100 percent of cost, not to exceed the actual grant allocation; there is no minimum.

Source(s) of Funds:

ORV Trail Improvement Fund.

Authority:

Part 811, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

**Off Road Vehicle (ORV) Grants Program
(Continued)**

Contact(s):

Forest, Mineral and Fire Management

- Steve Kubisiak (517-373-1665), kubisias@michigan.gov.

Grants Management

- Maureen Kay Houghton (517-373-2965), houghtmk@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

\$2,357,400. This amount includes funds allocated for ORV Law Enforcement grants.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

MARINE SAFETY GRANTS TO COUNTIES

Program Objective(s):

The objective of the Marine Safety program is to promote safety in the use of recreational watercraft through law enforcement and education.

Criteria:

Grant funding is made available to all county sheriff departments and is dependent on such factors as the area of public waters to be patrolled, the number of law enforcement personnel available for marine patrol, the number of boat livery inspections to be conducted and the extent of the county's boating safety education program.

Eligibility:

All county sheriff departments in the State of Michigan are eligible to apply for Marine Safety grant funds. Expenses applied to patrol time and law enforcement work, instruction of boating safety classes, inspection of boat liveries, contractual services, supplies and materials (CSS&M); and equipment necessary for patrol and law enforcement work are all eligible for reimbursement, dependent on availability of state funding.

Application Process:

1. Grant applications are made available in early October each year.
2. County grant proposals are due by December 31 to the Department of Natural Resources (Department).
3. The Department reviews, evaluates and approves funding to counties.
4. The Department prepares grant agreements and notifies each county of their approved Marine Safety program grant.
5. Counties sign and return grant agreements to the Department.

Deadline(s):

County grant proposals are due by December 31 for the following calendar year. Submittal of a State Aid Voucher and documentation of expenditures are due no later than April 1 following the grant year.

Timeline(s):

Grants to counties are issued in March with effective dates of January 1 through December 31 of the same calendar year.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Funding is based on the criteria listed above and varies from county to county. Reimbursement is up to 75% of actual expenditures, but not to exceed the grant allocation.

Source(s) of Funds:

Marine Safety Fund.

**Marine Safety Grants to Counties
(Continued)**

Authority:

Part 801, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Contact(s):

Law Enforcement Division

- Lieutenant Lee Stanard (517-335-3420), stanardl@michigan.gov .

Grants Management

- Maureen Kay Houghton (517-373-2965), houghtmk@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

\$2,305,000.

SNOWMOBILE LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

Program Objective(s):

The objective of the Snowmobile Law Enforcement program is to promote safety in the use of snowmobiles through law enforcement and education.

Criteria:

Grant funding is made available for patrol of the state designated snowmobile trail system, ingress and egress routes and for patrol of special events and circumstances. Priority is given to counties with the highest number of miles of state designated trail.

Eligibility:

County sheriff departments and other local law enforcement agencies in the State of Michigan are eligible to apply for snowmobile law enforcement grant funds. Expenses applied to patrol time, contractual services, supplies and materials (CSS&M) and equipment necessary for enforcement work are all eligible for reimbursement, dependent on availability of state funding.

Application Process:

1. Grant applications are made available in early June each year.
2. Law enforcement agencies' grant proposals are due by August 1 to the Department of Natural Resources (Department).
3. The Department reviews, evaluates and approves funding to law enforcement agencies based on the criteria listed above.
4. The Department prepares grant agreements and notifies each law enforcement agency of their approved snowmobile law enforcement grant.
5. Law enforcement agencies sign and return grant agreements to the Department.

Deadline(s):

Grant proposals are due by August 1 for the following snowmobile season. State Aid Vouchers, annual activity reports and other expenditure documentation are due by June 30 to the Department.

Timeline(s):

Grants to counties and other local law enforcement agencies are issued October 1 and are effective through May 31 of the following year.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Funding is based on the criteria listed above and varies from county to county. Reimbursement is up to 85% of actual expenditures.

Source(s) of Funds:

Snowmobile Registration Fee Fund.

Authority:

Part 821 Snowmobiles, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

**Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grants Program
(Continued)**

Contact(s):

Law Enforcement Division

- Lieutenant Lee Stanard (517-335-3420), stanardl@michigan.gov

Grants Management

- Maureen Kay Houghton (517-373-2965), houghtmk@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

\$1,142,000.

OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) LAW ENFORCEMENT GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

The objective of the Off-Road Vehicle Law Enforcement program is to promote safety in the use of off-road vehicles (ORV) through law enforcement and education.

Criteria:

Grant funding is made available for patrol of the state designated ORV trail system. Priority is given to counties with the highest number of miles of state designated trail.

Eligibility:

County sheriff departments in the State of Michigan are eligible to apply for ORV law enforcement grant funds. Expenses applied to patrol time, contractual services, supplies and materials (CSS&M), and equipment necessary for law enforcement work are all eligible for reimbursement, dependent on availability of state funding.

Application Process:

1. Grant applications are made available in early June each year.
2. County grant proposals are due by August 1 to the Department of Natural Resources (Department).
3. The Department reviews, evaluates and approves funding to counties based on the criteria listed above.
4. The Department prepares grant agreements and notifies each county of their approved ORV law enforcement grant.
5. County sheriff departments sign and return grant agreements to the Department.

Deadline(s):

County grant proposals are due by August 1 for the following ORV season. State Aid Vouchers, annual activity reports and other expenditure documentation are due by October 31 to the Department.

Timeline(s):

Grants to counties are issued October 1 and are effective through September 30 of the following year.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Funding is based on the criteria listed above and varies from county to county. Reimbursement is up to 100% of actual expenditures, but not to exceed the grant allocation.

Source(s) of Funds:

ORV Trail Improvement Fund.

Authority:

Part 811 Off-Road Vehicles, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

**Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Law Enforcement Grants
(Continued)**

Contact(s):

Law Enforcement Division

- Lieutenant Lee Stanard (517-335-3420), stanardl@michigan.gov .

Grants Management

- Maureen Kay Houghton (517-373-2965), houghtmk@michigan.gov.

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

\$316,000.

OFF ROAD VEHICLE (ORV) SAFETY EDUCATION GRANTS

Program Objective(s):

The objective of the ORV Safety Education program is to promote safety in the use of off-road vehicles (ORV) through education.

Criteria:

Grant funding is made available for certified ORV Safety instructors to teach ORV Safety classes. Grant applicants must meet requirements, and instructors must successfully pass a background check in addition to obtaining an ORV safety instructor certification.

Eligibility:

County and local government agencies, school districts, colleges and universities in the State of Michigan are eligible to apply for ORV Safety Education Program grant funds.

Deadline(s):

Grant applications are due by August 1.

Timeline(s):

1. Grant applications are due by August 1 for grant year beginning October 1.
2. Grants are issued October 1 and are effective through September 30 of the following year.
3. Documentation of students taught during the entire grant year and request for payment are due by October 31 for the previous year.

Dollar Amount(s) Available:

Funding is based on \$20.00 per student taught. No other expenses, such as purchase of equipment, are covered by the grant program.

Source(s) of Funds:

ORV Safety Education Fund.

Authority:

Part 811, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Contacts:

Law Enforcement Division

- Lieutenant Lee Stanard (517-335-3420), stanardl@michigan.gov

Grants Management

- Maureen Kay Houghton (517-373-2965), houghtmk@michigan.gov

Fiscal Year 2006 Appropriation:

\$150,000.

